

WILL COUNT VOTES AGAIN ON FRIDAY

City Committee Disposed to Take Matter Up and Settle It at Once.

AFTER SHOE CONTRACT

Folkes to Oppose Present Plan of Leasing Convicts—What Others Want.

The recount of the ballots cast in last Friday's primary will be made next Friday night, when the City Democratic Committee meets. This has not been officially and formally determined, but a committeeman, who is influential in its affairs, stated that the recount would almost surely be had at that time. The committee is anxious to dispose of the matter and have the result finally and fully determined.

When he was told that the Senate returns as reported from six precincts were in odd numbers—that is, not divisible by two—and asked how he accounted for this fact, this committeeman replied nonchalantly: "Oh, well, I suppose some of the judges counted one or two ballots on which there were three names."

Such ballots, under the terms of the plan, should be thrown out. The precincts in which the returns for the Senate are given in odd numbers are as follows: First and Second Clay, First Lee, First Madison, Second Jefferson and Second Marshall.

It may be that the corrected returns will make a difference of but one vote in each case, and it is possible that dozens of such mistakes occurred. Just who would profit by the discarding of such defective ballots can be known only from the count.

There is much uncertainty as to what a recount may show was indicated yesterday, when a well-known candidate declined to be quoted as to his legislative plans on the grounds that it would be rather premature to do so pending this recount. Of course, all the candidates believe, or profess to believe, that they lost votes by reason of the heavy rainfall of the late afternoon and early evening, but it cannot be determined just who actually did suffer.

Shoe Contract.

Mr. Elben C. Folkes, who led the ticket for the Senate nomination on the face of the returns, and who is probably nominated beyond a doubt, made a vigorous campaign, in which he outlined his platform. This consists chiefly of the advocacy of better and more equitable tax laws and more efficient collection of taxes. He declared in favor of requiring collectors to call on citizens for their poll taxes, and thereby remind them in time to enable them to vote. He believes that the increased revenue will more than repay the additional cost. Mr. Folkes also favors the just taxation of corporations. In one of his speeches he cited the fact that a \$14,666,666 corporation, doing an immense business in Virginia, paid only \$26 in taxes to the State. There are other corporations which escape taxation, and he desires to bring them to book.

He favors a system of traveling auditors to check up the books and accounts of State fiscal officers, and is also desirous of better supervision of State banks so as to more fully protect depositors.

One of the most interesting phases of his legislative career will doubtless be his opposition to the present contract by which the State, it is alleged, leases to a corporation the convicts at a merely nominal sum. Though he has not fully outlined his plan in this respect, it may be safely assumed that he "is going after" the shoe contract with his well-known vigor. It is possible that the annulment of the contract may be attempted, though Mr. Folkes does not say so. Certainly he will strenuously oppose a renewal of the existing contract, which will come up within the next four years. Mr. Folkes also declared his opposition to railroad monopolies.

Senator Harman, in the event of re-election, will continue the policies he has heretofore advocated, and those outlined in his speeches.

Some of the measures to be advocated by the others are as follows:

E. P. Cox—Improvements of public school system and all legislation conducive to public education; better highways for the State, and preliminary steps toward the improvement of waterways; a system of land registration better than the existing one.

Eugene C. Massie—The Torrens system of land registration; the creation of a State board of charities and better schools.

Harry C. Glenn—A system of traveling auditors to examine books and accounts of fiscal officers; better educational facilities and rural high schools.

Hill Montague—is opposed to double taxation system; favors increase of income tax exemption to \$1,200; better schools and improved highways.

C. E. Wingo—Favors increasing income tax exemption; the improvement of the public schools and the roads, and other progressive legislation.

SHOE MEN OF THE SOUTH BEGIN CONVENTION TO-DAY AT OLD POINT COMFORT



The convention of the Southern Shoe Wholesalers' Association will begin in the Chamberlin Hotel at Old Point Comfort at 11 o'clock this morning, with a large number of Richmonders in attendance. The gathering will bring together some of the most aggressive merchants in the South, the membership of the body including the leading wholesale and manufacturing shoe men in the South and Southwest. The sessions of the convention will be the largest in the history of the organization, and it will be unique in that it is the first time that the body has ever assembled on Virginia soil. Few of the conventions to be held in the State

this summer will represent so large a combined capital as at the show debut, a feature of the association, which has remarkable growth and development and few have extended their lines so extensively in all directions.

Coming from the South and West, the delegates to the convention will bring inland men to whom the water of Hampton Roads has a peculiar interest, and the trip planned for this afternoon out to the Virginia capes on board the "Merchants" and "Mariners" steamers will no doubt prove one of the most attractive features of the gathering.

Two days will be given to the discussion of business topics by able men, the subjects assigned having an important bearing on the questions

of shipping and handling of goods, the extension of credit and the principles of carrying the wholesale business in the South. The discussions cannot but prove of inestimable value to all taking part, and for the betterment of all trade generally.

Governor Charles A. Swanson will welcome the visitors to Virginia this morning, making the opening address. He will be introduced by Colonel Chas. E. Wingo, of Richmond. The president's address will be delivered by Governor Charles K. Beale of Charleston, W. Va., president of the association.

The convention will end with a banquet to-morrow night in the big dining-room of the Chamberlin, at which a number of invited guests will be present. Mr. J. K. Orr, of Atlanta,

Gas, will act as toastmaster on this occasion.

Among the toasts that have been arranged there will be responses as follows:

Toast No. 1—"Virginia: Her Contributions to Men and Measures to the World's Greatest Republic," Hon. Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia.

No. 2—"Railroads: Their Proper Relations to the Public," Hon. Eugene C. Massie, of Virginia.

No. 3—"The Citizen, Who Represents That There Is a Patriotism of Peace as Beautiful and Noble as That of War," Dr. E. N. Calisch, of Richmond.

No. 4—"The South: A Glimpse Into Its Future," Mr. E. K. Marshall, of Charleston, S. C.

No. 5—"Business Organizations: Their Usefulness for the Advancement of Commercial Interests," Mr. C. F. Moritz of Montgomery, Ala.

On Wednesday all of those attending the association who are buyers for wholesale houses will go in a party by steamer to Boston, the acknowledged shoe centre of America, to lay in their orders for future delivery.

Several Richmonders members of the entertainment committee, including Mr. Henry H. Hotchkins, the chairman, have already gone to Old Point to complete the arrangements, and a number of the officers and members of the various Richmond shoe houses will go down this morning in time for the opening exercises.

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Hon. Carlton McCarthy, Richmond Va.:

Dear Sir.—There are several friends of the Old St. John's church, of Richmond, desirous of erecting on the outside walls of that historic church a permanent memorial to Patrick Henry. A bronze bas-relief portrait of Henry, with below an extract from his great speech, delivered in St. John's. That such a tablet would be an ornament to the building, and coming from sources out of the State, would be an added interest to the historic structure, goes without saying.

Among the hundreds of visitors who daily pass through Richmond this centenary summer no spot in the city attracts more general attention, and none receives more visitors, than the colonial church in which so many of the revolutionary characters worshipped, and in which, during a period of rebellion and turmoil, the "congress" of the Colony of Virginia assembled for so long a time, after being ejected from the meeting place of the Burgesses at Williamsburg.

It is possible that the gentlemen who made the proposition do not remember that the church is a frame structure. Certainly a bronze bas-relief on the exterior of St. John's would be somewhat unusual, and it has been suggested as more in keeping, that a place be found for the memorial on the interior walls of the church.

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I can assure you that the people of New York City will enter enthusiastically into the celebration with subscriptions and personal attendance at the unveiling ceremonies.

Kindly let me have as much information on the matter as may be possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) E. ST. JOHN MATTHEWS.

The letter of Mr. Matthews not only asks for permission from the city authorities to erect the bronze, but also suggests that any interested persons in Richmond assist in the erection of the memorial by becoming members of the association, and by making whatever contributions they may see fit.

The attention turned upon Colonial and Revolutionary history by the exercises incident to the centennial celebration have brought the heroes and patriotic men of the early period of the Commonwealth into general remembrance. There are a number of lineal descendants of Patrick Henry still living in Virginia, with a wide connection of collateral relatives.

Fire Protection.

The widespread interest in the associations which cluster around St. John's Church gives point to the position of Mayor McCarthy in standing for the preservation of the historic lines of the structure. Attention is also called to the importance of having fire protection for the church, or else Richmond will awake some morning to find her chief historic attraction gone up in smoke.

In his last annual message, Mayor McCarthy recommended that the city put in a steam-heating plant in one of the out-buildings, connected with the church by pipes, in lieu of the hot air furnace which is now just under the door of the main building.

The building is frame throughout, both old and dry, and a fire once started, would burn furiously.

The Mayor recommends a careful inspection by competent men, of the gas-lighting outfit, as to whether the pipes are in good order, and whether any of the lights are dangerously near to woodwork. A frequent inspection of the building by the officials of the Fire Department would also be an effective step in its preservation.

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POLICE SWOOP DOWN ON IDLEWOOD AGAIN

COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETING TO-NIGHT

ORDERED TO POLICE COURT

SONS OF ITALY DAZED BY SUDDEN VISITATION—SERGEANT MADE THOROUGH JOB.

MANY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SESSION OF ALDERMEN WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK.

BUSY WEEK, OR RATHER BUSY HALF-WEEK, WILL BEGIN IN CITY HALL TO-NIGHT WITH MEETING OF COINMUN COUNCIL AND NUMEROUS COMMITTEES.

This is the midyear session, and the last really important one until September. The Council will concur in extending ten days the time for the collection of the first half of the annual city taxes. The excuse for the extension this year is that the listing of persons and property in the new territory has required much more time than it will hereafter.

Apart from this and action on the survey of the new territory, the remainder of the business consists of matters reported from the various committees, including a number of salary ordinances.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

It is probable that the committee on St. John's burying-ground will again endeavor to pass an ordinance authorizing the construction of a memorial chapel and a parish house in the grounds of the ancient edifice.

Such a measure has been twice defeated.

The Mayor's veto was sustained once,

and afterward, reduced to nine;

and the others will now be required to appear before Justice Crucfield, who has had Idlewood affair thrown on his attention several times before.

Why they should not be fined for violating the Virginia Sunday laws.

Before Sergeant Brown and his two assistants, both of whom by the way, were paid special officers of the Idlewood Company, had come to the end of their rounds twenty-three alleged bacchanals had been gathered in and there presented politely requested at the court function. The number was afterward, however, reduced to nine; and the others will now be required to appear before Justice Crucfield, who has had Idlewood affair thrown on his attention several times before.

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